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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2004. Claims 2-12, 14 and 16-23 have been allowed. Claim 13 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants have cancelled claim 13 without prejudice. Withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request receipt of a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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